

Interview Summary

Application No. 09/735,930	Applicant(s) Noda et al.	
Examiner Cam Nguyen	Art Unit 1754	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Examiner Cam Nguyen (3) _____
(2) Mr. Ed Cacic (4) _____

Date of Interview May 13, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all

Identification of prior art discussed:
as applied.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

First, attorney urged the Lindner reference does not teach alkali metals. The Deeba reference is focused on a NOx catalyst and that all of his examples only use alkaline earth metals, but the alkali metals were used optionally. Examiner disagreed because Deeba specifically lists all of the alkali metals components at col. 28, claim 4. Thus, the alkali metals could also be employed for the catalyst. Second, attorney urged the combination of the Lindner reference and the Deeba reference is improper since there is no teaching in neither reference to solve the same problems as in applicants' invention. Examiner did not find attorney's urging was persuasive because both reference teach the same field of art, which is for treatment of exhaust gases including nitrogen oxides (or NOx). It is also appears to the examiner that the newly submitted European Patent (EP 0657 204 A1) reads on at least claim 1 because it discloses the claimed catalyst with a carrier including the claimed substance and a NOx adsorbent containing alkali metals. Examiner also indicated will update the search.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

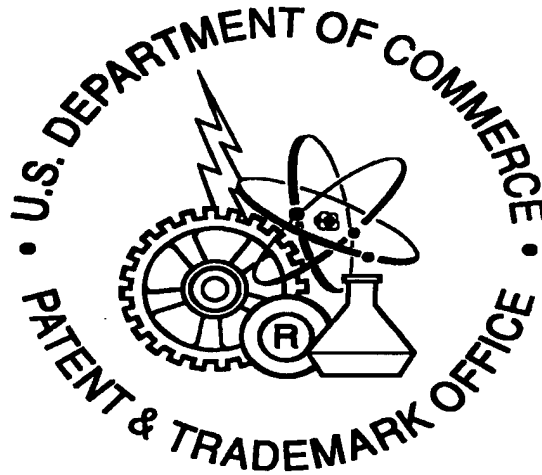
i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

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Note:

* Mr. Cabric, (including this page)
- Attached is a copy of
the interview summary for your
record.

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